excise officers or by export inspection agencies, Textile Committee, etc. are not reuqired to be examined at point of export except for random/intelligence based checks. Likewise, for export consignments belonging to established exporters having unblemished track record, routine examination of each consignment has been dispensed with.

Apart from the aforesaid changes, the goods imported by exporters under the various export schemes (100 per cent EOU/EPZ Schemes, Advance Licensing Scheme, etc.) are granted expeditious clearance by setting apart a set of officers exclusively to assess such imports at the major Ports.

2601. [*Transferred to 26th August, 1993.*]

Recruitment Rules of the Indian Cost Accounts Service

2602. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that amendments to the recruitment rules of the Indian Cost Accounts Service to recruit 25 per cent of the officers at Deputy Director level was made to get people for posting outside Delhi;

(b) how many officers have been recruited on the basis of this amendment so far, what are their names and how many of them have been posted outside Delhi;

(c) whether it is a fact that the officers recruited and who are in position were a part of the service before such recruitment; and

(d) whether it is fact that the direct recruitment at Deputy Director level provides a window for recruiting the favourites of the top bureaucrates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASEKHAR MURTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Four officers have been recruited on the basis of this amendment viz. S/Shri B. S. Raghunathan, R. Asokan, S. C. Bera and J. P. Singh; one of these officers has been posted outside Delhi.

(c) Two out of the four officers mentioned at (b) above were part of the Service before recruitment to the post of Deputy Director.

(d) No, Sir, direct recruitment is done through the Union Public Service Commission.

Banks in Maharashta question

2603. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of various Nationalised Banks in the rural areas of Maharashtra;

(b) bank-wise break up as on date;

(c) number of Regional Rural Banks operating in Maharashtra;

(d) whether there is any proposal to open more Regional Rural Banks during the current financial year; and

(e) if so, the region-wise break up thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) The number of branches of each public sector banks functioning in rural areas of Maharashtra as on 30 September,

1992 (latest available) are given be low:—

Name of Bank	No. of branches
1. State Bank of India	325
2. State Bank of Hyderabad	62
3. State Bank of Indore	1
4. Allahabad Bank	27
5. Bank of Baroda	85
6. Bank of India	292
7. Bank of Maharashtra	480
8. Canara Bank	12
9. Central Bank of India	241
10. Dena Bank	85
11. Indian Bank	8
12. Indian Overseas Bank	7
13. New Bank of India	2
14. Punjab National Bank	18
15. Syndicate Bank	30
16. UCO Bank	29
17. Union Bank of India	114
18. Vijaya Bank	3
TOTAL:—	1821

(c) There were 590 branches of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) functioning in Maharashtra as at the end of March, 1992.

(d) and (e) Under Branch Expansion Programme 1990—95, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has not fixed any year-wise and State-wise target for opening of bank branches. The opening of bank branches is an ongoing process and the banks are expected to open branches at centres allotted to them in a phased manner during 1990—95.

Steps to help flood affected Punjab and Haryana

2604. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Industry Ministry has urged the banks to prepare immediately a contingency plan to extend special workshops to see the rescue man inventory is received in flood hit areas of Punjab and Haryana; and